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House Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

Aiyash—present	Damoose—present	LaFave—present	Roth—present
Albert—present	Eisen—present	LaGrand—present	Sabo—present
Alexander—present	Ellison—present	Lasinski—present	Schroeder—present
Allor—present	Farrington—present	Liberati—present	Scott—present
Anthony—present	Filler—present	Lightner—present	Shannon—present
Beeler—present	Fink—present	Lilly—present	Slagh—present
Bellino—present	Frederick—present	Maddock—present	Sneller—present
Berman—present	Garza—present	Manoogian—present	Sowerby—present
Beson—present	Glenn—present	Marino—present	Steckloff—present
Bezotte—present	Green—present	Markkanen—present	Steenland—present
Bolden—present	Griffin—present	Martin—present	Stone—present
Bollin—present	Haadsma—present	Meerman—present	Tate—present
Borton—present	Hall—present	Morse—present	Thanedar—present
Brabec—present	Hammoud—present	Mueller—present	Tisdell—present
Brann—present	Hauck—present	Neeley—present	VanSingel—present
Breen—present	Hertel—present	O'Malley—present	VanWoerkom—present
Brixie—present	Hoitenga—present	O'Neal—present	Wakeman—present
Calley—present	Hood—present	Outman—present	Weiss—present
Cambensy—present	Hope—excused	Paquette—present	Wendzel—present
Camilleri—present	Hornberger—present	Peterson—present	Wentworth—present
Carra—present	Howell—present	Pohutsky—present	Whiteford—present
Carter, B—present	Huizenga—present	Posthumus—present	Whitsett—excused
Carter, T—present	Johnson, C—present	Puri—present	Witwer—present
Cavanagh—present	Johnson, S—present	Rabhi—present	Wozniak—present
Cherry—present	Jones—present	Reilly—present	Yancey—present
Clemente—present	Kahle—present	Rendon—present	Yaroch—present
Clements—present	Koleszar—present	Rogers—present	Young—present
Coleman—present	Kuppa—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Kyra Harris Bolden, from the 35th District, offered the following invocation:

“Eternal God,

You are God of all peoples and we are gathering in the Spirit of unity that You deeply desire among all of Your people. It has been said by one of Your prophets, we are all bound in a single garment of destiny.

So, today, we come to do the work that has been assigned to our hands. Give us the strength, the courage, the compassion and the empathy to do such work, especially on behalf of those whose voices we don't often hear, whose stories we don't often see and whose struggles we don't often sense.

Give us a faith to do this very work, in the spirit of the democratic process, which is always a striving more than a reaching, a climbing more than a landing a pursuit more than an arrival. It is in this work, O God of light, that we beg of Your grace that we might indeed be, ‘we the People’ evidenced in every conversation, every legislation and every representation of our state government.

Protect this house, as we meet and even when we are absent from it. May all who enter these doors, do so, with a mind of peace, reason and charity. Calm the anxious and bring healing to the wounded.

May this place not just be a citadel of legislative conferencing but a place we demonstrate the stability and meaningful collaboration that makes our state pure indeed.

We honor You with gratitude as You guide us as our supreme being knowing that Your vision of unity and peace will be realized by our own commitment to make it so.

With this, we offer ourselves in such a service. Be with us we open this session and long after we conclude our work.

To You be glory and honor.  
Amen.”

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The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

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Rep. Rabhi moved that Reps. Hope and Whitsett be excused from today's session.  
The motion prevailed.

#### **Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment**

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been reproduced and made available electronically on Thursday, February 4:

<b>House Bill Nos.</b>	<b>4122</b>	<b>4123</b>	<b>4124</b>	<b>4125</b>	<b>4126</b>	<b>4127</b>	<b>4128</b>	<b>4129</b>	<b>4130</b>	<b>4131</b>	<b>4132</b>	<b>4133</b>	<b>4134</b>
	<b>4135</b>	<b>4136</b>	<b>4137</b>	<b>4138</b>	<b>4139</b>	<b>4140</b>	<b>4141</b>	<b>4142</b>	<b>4143</b>	<b>4144</b>	<b>4145</b>	<b>4146</b>	<b>4147</b>
	<b>4148</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>4150</b>	<b>4151</b>	<b>4152</b>	<b>4153</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>4155</b>	<b>4156</b>	<b>4157</b>	<b>4158</b>	<b>4159</b>	<b>4160</b>
	<b>4161</b>	<b>4162</b>	<b>4163</b>	<b>4164</b>	<b>4165</b>	<b>4166</b>							

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been reproduced and made available electronically on Tuesday, February 9:

<b>Senate Bill Nos.</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>114</b>
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#### **Reports of Standing Committees**

The Committee on Transportation, by Rep. O'Malley, Chair, reported

##### **Senate Bill No. 30, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2083) by adding section 1070a.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

## Favorable Roll Call

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. O'Malley, Eisen, Howell, Griffin, LaFave, Berman, Carra, Roth, Sneller, Clemente, Shannon, Liberati and Puri

Nays: None

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. O'Malley, Chair, of the Committee on Transportation, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Present: Reps. O'Malley, Eisen, Howell, Griffin, LaFave, Berman, Carra, Roth, Sneller, Clemente, Shannon, Liberati and Puri

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Bollin, Chair, of the Committee on Elections and Ethics, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Present: Reps. Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler and Koleszar

Absent: Reps. Wendzel and Whitsett

Excused: Reps. Wendzel and Whitsett

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Hauck, Chair, of the Committee on Regulatory Reform, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Present: Reps. Hauck, Hoitenga, Bellino, Hall, Mueller, Wendzel, Clements, Damoose, Outman, Hertel, Jones, Yancey, Garza, Witwer and Steenland

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Filler, Chair, of the Committee on Judiciary, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Present: Reps. Filler, Mueller, Steven Johnson, Kahle, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, Clements, LaGrand, Yancey, Bolden, Hope and Breen

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Hornberger, Chair, of the Committee on Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Present: Reps. Hornberger, Paquette, Green, Markkanen, O'Malley, Beeler, Damoose, Posthumus, Camilleri, Brenda Carter, Koleszar, Shannon and Stone

**Notices**

February 9, 2021

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk  
Michigan House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This letter is to notify you of the following committee changes:

I am removing Representative Gary Eisen from the Committee on Agriculture.

I am removing Representative Steve Carra from the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

I am appointing Representative Gary Eisen to replace Representative Steve Carra on the Committee on Natural Resources.

I am appointing Representative Steve Carra to replace Representative Gary Eisen on the Committee on Agriculture.

Sincerely,  
Jason Wentworth, Speaker  
Michigan House of Representatives

February 8, 2021

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk  
Michigan House of Representatives  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to Public Act 412 of 1965, I am appointing the following members of the Michigan House of Representatives to the Michigan Law Revision Commission for the term ending December 31, 2022:

Representative Ryan Berman (R)  
Representative Kara Hope (D)

Sincerely,  
Jason Wentworth  
Speaker  
Michigan House of Representatives

February 8, 2021

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk  
Michigan House of Representatives  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to Public Act 268 1986, I am appointing the following members of the Michigan House of Representatives to the Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws for the term ending December 31, 2022:

Representative Andrew Fink (R)  
Representative Jim Haadsma (D)

Sincerely,  
Jason Wentworth  
Speaker  
Michigan House of Representatives

### Introduction of Bills

Reps. Berman, Bellino, Mueller, Yaroch, Garza, Hertel and Eisen introduced

**House Bill No. 4167, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1263a.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Rep. LaGrand introduced

**House Bill No. 4168, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 6a (MCL 4.416a), as added by 1994 PA 383.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

Reps. Sowerby, Stone, Weiss, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Aiyash, Sneller, Brabec, Brixie, O'Neal, Pohutsky, Koleszar, Cynthia Johnson, Hammoud, Garza, Shannon, Cambensy, Hope, Brenda Carter, Hood, Morse, Young, Kuppa, Rabhi, Neeley, Bolden and Scott introduced

**House Bill No. 4169, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 1301 and 61525 (MCL 324.1301 and 324.61525), section 1301 as amended by 2018 PA 451 and section 61525 as amended by 2004 PA 325.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy.

Reps. Sowerby, Stone, Weiss, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Aiyash, Sneller, Brabec, Brixie, O'Neal, Pohutsky, Koleszar, Cynthia Johnson, Hammoud, Garza, Shannon, Cambensy, Hope, Brenda Carter, Hood, Morse, Young, Kuppa, Rabhi, Neeley, Bolden and Scott introduced

**House Bill No. 4170, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 3109 and 3115 (MCL 324.3109 and 324.3115), section 3109 as amended by 2014 PA 536 and section 3115 as amended by 2004 PA 143.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

Reps. Allor, O'Malley, Borton, Roth, Markkanen, Yaroch, Wozniak, Brixie, Aiyash, Kuppa, Tisdell and Haadsma introduced

**House Bill No. 4171, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," by amending section 405 (MCL 418.405), as amended by 2014 PA 515.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

Reps. Yaroch, Allor, O'Malley, Wozniak, Brixie, Aiyash, Hertel, Hood, Breen, Haadsma, Tisdell, Tate, Sabo, Borton and Markkanen introduced

**House Bill No. 4172, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," by amending section 405 (MCL 418.405), as amended by 2014 PA 515.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

Reps. Hope, Scott, O'Neal, Slagh, Bezotte, Stone, Brixie, Breen and Anthony introduced

**House Bill No. 4173, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 19 of chapter XVI (MCL 776.19).

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. Lightner introduced

**House Bill No. 4174, entitled**

A bill to create the justice data collection and reporting system; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reps. Camilleri, Liberati, Young, Weiss, Cherry, Morse, Brabec, Puri, Manoogian, Steckloff, Sowerby, Cavanagh, Clemente, Breen, Pohutsky, Hope, Steenland, Shannon, Hood, Stone, Hammoud, Witwer, Rabhi, Hertel, Aiyash, Rogers, Garza, Thanedar, Ellison, Kuppa, Sabo, Brixie, Scott, Sneller, Tyrone Carter, Haadsma, Koleszar, Lasinski, O'Neal, Coleman, Cambensy, Peterson, Cynthia Johnson, Whitsett, Brenda Carter, Tate, Anthony and Yancey introduced

**House Bill No. 4175, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 176, entitled "An act to create a commission relative to labor disputes, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the mediation and arbitration of labor disputes, and the holding

of elections thereon; to regulate the conduct of parties to labor disputes and to require the parties to follow certain procedures; to regulate and limit the right to strike and picket; to protect the rights and privileges of employees, including the right to organize and engage in lawful concerted activities; to protect the rights and privileges of employers; to make certain acts unlawful; to make appropriations; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for violations of this act,” by amending sections 1, 2, 8, 14, 17, and 22 (MCL 423.1, 423.2, 423.8, 423.14, 423.17, and 423.22), as amended by 2012 PA 348.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Trades, and Talent.

Reps. Sabo, Camilleri, Morse, Brabec, Puri, Young, Manoogian, Steckloff, Sowerby, Cavanagh, Clemente, Breen, Pohutsky, Hope, Steenland, Shannon, Hood, Stone, Hammoud, Weiss, Witwer, Rabhi, Hertel, Aiyash, Scott, O’Neal, Tate, Garza, Thanedar, Ellison, Liberati, Kuppa, Brixie, Tyrone Carter, Sneller, Haadsma, Rogers, Cherry, Koleszar, Lasinski, Coleman, Cambensy, Peterson, Cynthia Johnson, Bolden, Whitsett, Anthony, Brenda Carter and Yancey introduced

**House Bill No. 4176, entitled**

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled “An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations,” by amending sections 9, 10, and 15 (MCL 423.209, 423.210, and 423.215), as amended by 2014 PA 414.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Trades, and Talent.

Reps. Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Koleszar, Stone, Rabhi, Weiss, Puri, Breen, Hope, Morse, Coleman, Cynthia Johnson, Hood, Aiyash, Haadsma, Tyrone Carter, Hertel, Manoogian, Liberati, Pohutsky, Brixie, Scott, Brabec, Young, Garza, Cherry, Lasinski, Sowerby, Hammoud, O’Neal, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Cambensy, Jones, LaGrand, Anthony, Yancey and Sabo introduced

**House Bill No. 4177, entitled**

A bill to amend 2018 PA 338, entitled “Paid medical leave act,” by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 14 (MCL 408.961, 408.962, 408.963, 408.964, 408.965, 408.967, 408.968, 408.970, 408.971, and 408.974), as amended by 2018 PA 369, and by adding sections 5b, 8b, and 12b.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

Reps. Clemente, Neeley, Cherry, Aiyash, Sowerby and Hood introduced

**House Bill No. 4178, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled “An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory

entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 247.651), as amended by 2012 PA 390.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reps. Sneller, Neeley, Cherry, Aiyash and Sowerby introduced

**House Bill No. 4179, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 642 (MCL 257.642), as amended by 2012 PA 498.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reps. Anthony, Aiyash, Hope, Puri, Young, Sowerby, Weiss, Bolden, Brabec, Stone, O'Neal, Brenda Carter, Pohutsky, Liberati, Garza, Clemente, Kuppa, Scott, Breen and Yancey introduced

**House Bill No. 4180, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled "An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties," by amending section 7 (MCL 554.607).

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

Reps. Anthony, Aiyash, Hope, Puri, Brixie, Young, Sowerby, Cavanagh, Weiss, Hood, Brabec, Bolden, Stone, Yancey, O'Neal, Brenda Carter, Pohutsky, Liberati, Garza, Clemente, Scott, Kuppa and Breen introduced

**House Bill No. 4181, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 5740.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reps. O'Neal, Brixie, Thanedar, Liberati, Ellison, Brenda Carter, Aiyash, Hope, Sowerby, Tyrone Carter, Steckloff, Cavanagh, Stone, Garza, Koleszar, Morse and Rabhi introduced

**House Bill No. 4182, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending section 13a of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.13a), as amended by 2016 PA 191.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. O'Neal, Beson, Stone, Garza, Cavanagh, Koleszar, Yancey, Breen, Aiyash, Morse and Rabhi introduced

**House Bill No. 4183, entitled**

A bill to amend 1917 PA 167, entitled "Housing law of Michigan," by amending section 132 (MCL 125.532), as amended by 2000 PA 479.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

Reps. O'Neal, Brixie, Thanedar, Liberati, Ellison, Brenda Carter, Aiyash, Hope, Sowerby, Tyrone Carter, Steckloff, Cavanagh, Hood, Coleman, Stone, Garza, Koleszar, Yancey and Rabhi introduced

**House Bill No. 4184, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8512 (MCL 600.8512), as amended by 2014 PA 384.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reps. Hood, Brenda Carter, LaGrand, Neeley, Breen, Hertel, Sabo, Koleszar, Aiyash, Garza, Brabec, Morse and Rabhi introduced

**House Bill No. 4185, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending section 44a (MCL 211.44a), as amended by 2012 PA 184.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

Rep. Albert introduced

**House Bill No. 4186, entitled**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled “Large carnivore act,” by amending section 22 (MCL 287.1122), as amended by 2018 PA 610.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Rep. Albert introduced

**House Bill No. 4187, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 48703 and 48711 (MCL 324.48703 and 324.48711), as amended by 2018 PA 529.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

Rep. Albert introduced

**House Bill No. 4188, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled “The public school employees retirement act of 1979,” by amending sections 41, 59, and 84b (MCL 38.1341, 38.1359, and 38.1384b), section 41 as amended by 2018 PA 512, section 59 as amended by 2012 PA 359, and section 84b as amended by 2018 PA 169.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Whiteford introduced

**House Bill No. 4189, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

**Motions and Resolutions**

Reps. Steven Johnson, Markkanen, Beson, Martin, Maddock, LaFave, Carra and Bellino offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 30.**

A resolution to encourage the National Park Service to establish a moose tag lottery hunt to assist in controlling the moose population on Isle Royale.

Whereas, Isle Royale National Park in Michigan is home to an exploding population of moose. The Michigan Technological University Wolf Study 2018-2019 Annual Report estimates moose have increased sharply from a population of 515 in 2011 to 2,060 in 2019, an average growth rate greater than 19 percent annually; and

Whereas, Issues with the moose-to-wolf ratio over the last several decades have now reached a tipping point, with a current population of only 12 to 14 wolves on Isle Royale as of March 2020. Wolves are the only natural predator of moose on Isle Royale but the diminishing wolf population have not contained the moose population in recent years; and

Whereas, The increased and unsustainable moose population on Isle Royale has created an ongoing ecological dilemma as the moose feed on the park’s balsam fir trees and other vegetation. The rapidly expanding moose herd will devastate these slow-growing trees and could eliminate them from Isle Royale. In turn, over foraging by the moose population has reduced their food supply, causing moose to starve to death. A slight decline in the moose population during the winter of 2020 has been partially attributed to over foraging; and



Whereas, Previous attempts to introduce additional wolves to balance out the moose-to-wolf ratio have not resulted in a long-term sustainable balance of predator and prey; and

Whereas, A moose tag lottery hunt will benefit Isle Royale National Park and help restore ecological balance among moose, wolves, and vegetation. Approximately forty national parks currently allow some form of hunting as part of their wildlife management practices; and

Whereas, This hunt will provide a unique hunting experience for a number of hunters each year, which in turn will bring increased economic activity to the western Upper Peninsula; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the National Park Service to establish a moose tag lottery hunt to assist in controlling the moose population on Isle Royale; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the National Park Service, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Governor of Michigan.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

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Rep. Frederick moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

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Rep. Wendzel moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 2:35 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 10, at 1:30 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

